

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine, in which deposited bank notes are used for dispensing bank notes, comprising:

an upper structure unit and a lower structure unit provided on a machine body configured so as to be drawble out from the front side of said machine body;

in said upper structure unit, a bank note dispensing portion through which bank notes are dispensed from a front side thereof and a bank note depositing portion into which bank notes are deposited disposed on the upper front side of said machine body; an occupancy instructing portion for instructing at which of a left or right side a process is taking place in an installation area of the bank note dispensing portion and bank note depositing portion; a temporary storage portion for collectively storing deposited bank notes disposed at the front side area of said machine body; a device which receives deposited bank notes sheet by sheet in the temporary storage portion and dispenses temporarily deposited bank notes sheet by sheet when a deposit is approved; an openable and closable front side door through which a customer of the circulating bank note depositing and dispensing machine can remove temporarily stored bank notes from the front side of said temporary storage portion if the deposit of the temporarily stored bank notes is not approved is disposed at the front side of the temporary storage portion; and an upper structure unit side bank note conveying portion which conveys bank notes by connecting the bank note dispensing portion, bank note depositing portion and temporary storage portion; a bank note identifying portion which identifies bank notes is disposed at bank note conveying portion of the upper structure unit;

in the lower structure unit, a reject box which accommodates rejected bank notes disposed at the front side area of said machine body; denominated bank note storage portions

which accommodate bank notes per denomination disposed in front and rear directions in a rear area of said reject box; a bank note receiving and taking out portion which receives bank notes and dispenses the bank notes sheet by sheet disposed in respective denominated bank note storage portion portions; and a bank note conveying portion which conveys bank notes by connecting the bank note receiving and taking-out portions; and

in said machine body or said lower structure unit, a covering member which covers up the lower structure unit when the lower structure unit accommodated in said machine body is closed, a first connection passage which connects bank note conveying portion of said upper structure unit and bank note conveying portion of said lower structure unit, and a second connection passage which connects bank note conveying portion of said upper structure unit and said reject box are respectively disposed; and a first opening for said first connection passage and a second opening for said second connection passage are provided in said covering member.

3. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said covering member is fixed on the machine body and is capable of opening the bank note conveying portion of said lower structure unit, said respective denominated bank note receiving and taking-out portion and respective denominated bank note storage portions when the lower structure unit is drawn out.

4. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, wherein said upper structure side bank note conveying portion, bank conveying portion of the lower structure unit and first connection passage are capable of reversing the conveying direction of bank notes.

5. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, wherein said temporary storage portion of deposited bank notes includes a plurality of engagement members which vary tip end engagement positions of bank notes taken in said temporary storage portion of deposited bank notes in response to the width in the taking-in direction of the bank notes and is capable of positioning the rear ends of

bank notes at a temporary storage position which can be taken out by the-receiving and dispensing device with the rear ends thereof matched regardless of the width of the bank notes in said taking-in direction.

6.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, wherein bank notes in the bank note depositing port and bank note dispensing port are visible from both the upward front side and the upward rear side.

9. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 4, wherein bank notes in the bank note depositing port and bank note dispensing port are visible from both the upward front side and the upward rear side.

10. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 2 or 3, wherein the bank note depositing port and bank note dispensing port accommodate bank notes in an upright position; and

said bank note dispensing port includes a transparent shutter that is closed when dispensing bank notes and is opened after the dispensing is carried out, and the bank notes in said bank note dispensing port are visible from both the upward front side and the upward rear side.

11. (Previously Presented) The circulating type bank note depositing and dispensing machine as set forth in Claim 4, wherein the bank note depositing port and bank note dispensing port accommodate bank notes in an upright position; and

said bank note dispensing port includes a transparent shutter that is closed when dispensing bank notes and is opened after the dispensing is carried out, and the bank notes in said bank note dispensing port are visible from both the upward front side and the upward rear side.